



Language Function:
Grammar focus:

talking about the past
past perfect simple

STUDENT WORKSHEET

Quick Fix 7 – 'past perfect simple'

The **past perfect simple** consists of two elements: **HAD + PAST PARTICIPLE** (done, gone, seen, finished etc). We use this tense whenever we want to say that something happened before other events expressed in the past simple.

*I could not open the car because I **had forgotten** to take the key.*

TASK 1. Complete the sentences using the words in brackets. You will need to add articles, prepositions etc.



1. Louise wasn't hungry because she
(have / big lunch / vegetarian restaurant downtown)
2. I didn't know who she was because I
(not meet / she / before)
3. The police arrived because somebody
(rob / local bank)
4. John couldn't come to the classes yesterday because he
(break / his leg / skiing accident)
5. Laura didn't want to go to the cinema because she
(see / the film / before)



TASK 2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in the past perfect or the past simple tense.

1. Unfortunately, when we arrived at Samanta's birthday party, all the guests
home so we did not meet anybody. (go)
2. I didn't take a map with me so obviously I in London. (get lost)
3. I was really suprised when I heard that Steven his exams. (fail)
4. Marvin returned to his home town after 15 years and he could not believe how much it
.....(change)
5. I did not get any reply to my email so I to phone them. (decide)
6. I drank too much at the party and that's why I this terrible
hangover the next day. (have)
7. I woke up almost half an hour late because I to set my
alarm clock. (forget)

